

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 31, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Under Secretary of State
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
The Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament
Agency

SUBJECT: Follow-on Work on NATO (NSDM 95)

At the May 24, 1971, meeting of the DPRC, it was agreed to further refine our work on U.S. and Allied Strategy and Forces for NATO prior to Presidential consideration and possible transmission to our NATO Allies.

In particular, it will be necessary to prepare:

- A refinement of the various improvement packages.
- An improved assessment of the capabilities of the current NATO posture, the effects of improvements, and consequently, our ability to carry out the President's strategy over the next five years. In this regard, it is particularly important that the full range of differing views on the present conventional balance be explicitly stated along with their detailed rationales.
- A more extensive evaluation of the consequences of the various improvement packages and their impact on U.S. /Allied burden-sharing.

In addition to this work on conventional forces, it is important to complete the parallel review of U.S. tactical nuclear doctrine and force structure for NATO. These preparations should be carried out

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principally by the Department of Defense. Based on this work, the DPRC Working Group should prepare a summary of the principal issues and alternatives for decision related to NATO's conventional and nuclear forces. This summary should be completed and reviewed on an interagency basis by June 21, 1971, prior to Presidential consideration in a National Security Council meeting.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Dr. Edward David

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May 26, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: K. Wayne Smith *KWS*

SUBJECT: Follow-up to DPRC Meeting on NATO

I have prepared a follow-up directive to the DPRC starting work on the refinements agreed to in the May 24 meeting on NATO. It is simple and largely self-explanatory.

With these refinements underway, we should be adequately prepared for a NSC meeting on NATO in late June.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the NATO study directive to the DPRC enclosed at Tab A.

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